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NEW WHARF TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN SZCZECIN;
NEW WISLA RIVER ROUTE OPENED

CZECHOSLOVAK WHARF IN SZCZECIN -- Palaka Zbrojna, No 48, 18 Feb 49

In accordance with the agreement between Poland and Czechoslovakia, the shore near the Debiński Canal in Szczecin was given over to Czechoslovakia to be used as a transshipment base. The basic work will be started in March by the Marine Division of the SPZ (Spółeczne Przedsiębiorstwo Budowlane, Public Building Enterprise). Large airtight steel partitions of Czechoslovak manufacture are already in Szczecin and will be driven into the ground in March. Later this shore will become the end of the port wharf.

In the middle of March the SPB will start building the reinforced-concrete piles on the spot, a deep vertical foundation to strengthen the shore permanently. Concrete walls and a concrete pavement will complete the surface work. The basin will then be dredged.

In addition to the above, the Marine Division of the SPB will build an administration building and a warehouse with a floor space of 1,600 square meters.

NEW BRIDGE CRANES TO GUYNIA -- Rzeczpospolita, No 53, 23 Feb 49

Work of assembling the new bridge cranes for loading coal will begin shortly on the Słoch Wharf in Gdynia. Manufactured in Gliwice, these cranes have a 32-meter span, which enables them to service eight parallel tracks simultaneously.

The Olympia-Olansk group will receive six of these cranes during the current year.

Total loadings in the reacoast ports of Poland for January reached 1,437,000 tons of goods (124 percent of plan). Ships flying the Polish flag carried 116,000 tons (128 percent of plan.)

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RECORD COAL LOADINGS IN POLISH PORTS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 52, 22 Feb 49

In the first 11 days of February, the average daily loading of coal in the coal ports was 40,000 tons as compared to the average of 38,000 tons per day in the last several months. The record day was 18 February, with loadings of 53,046 tons.

NEW POLISH WATER ROUTE OPENED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 60, 2 Mar 49

On 3 March, a new run will be scheduled on the Wisla River to provide regular water transportation between Warsaw, Plock, and Wloclawek. The Traugutt will be the first vessel to operate on this route.

NEW SHIP FOR POLISH MERCHANT MARINE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 61, 3 Mar 49

The Polish Merchant Marine at Gdynia has purchased the Norwegian refrigerator ship California Express which will be renamed M/S Czech. This ship has a four-compartment, air-cooled hold, six passenger cabins, and crew quarters. It will operate on one of the regular lines.

DANUBE RIVER BRIDGE COMPLETED -- Szabad Nep [Hungarian], No 40, 17 Feb 49

The largest reinforced-concrete bridge yet built in Hungary, the Dunabarszt Bridge across the Danube, was completed 40 days ahead of schedule and put into operation 16 February. The principal address at the dedication exercises was given by Lajos Varga, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transportation. The bridge will facilitate travel for those working in Budapest and Csepel factories, and it will also help in bringing food supplies to the capital city.

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